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INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF AMCITS

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 12028, B) ADDIS ABABA 12037,  
C) KHARTOUM 3533 (ALL NOTAL)

1. MARY HUBERMAN- EPMG CONTINUES INSIST THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM. WEST GERMAN COMPANION HAS NOT APPEARED IN ADDIS. EMBASSY TELEPHONE CALLS TO GONDAR AND DEBARK (NEAR GAME PARK) HAVE ELICITED NO FURTHER CONCRETE INFO. POLICE OFFICER IN DEBARK, HOWEVER, TOLD US DEC 8 THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AMERICAN WOMAN WAS STILL AT ONE OF GAME PARK CAMPS, AND HIS OFFICE UNDERTOOK TO GET MESSAGE TO HER TO CONTACT US.

2. UNKNOWN ALLEGED KIDNAP VICTIMS (REF C). NEITHER BRITS NOR OURSELVES HAVE BEEN UNABLE UNABLE UNEARTH ANYTHING THROUGH ETHIOPIAN OR OTHER SOURCES. WE ARE BOTH PLANNING SEND CONOFFS TO GONDAR THIS WEEKEND TO TRY AND CHECK DALE/YAKICH STORY. INDICATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF TROUBLE THAT HAS BROKEN OUT IN AND AROUND GONDAR IN LAST DAY OR SO (ADDIS ABABA 12246) EPMG WILL NOT PERMIT VISIT BY CONOFFS AT THIS TIME.

3. FOR KHARTOUM: CANNOT YET GAUGE SERIOUSNESS OF  
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GONDAR'S PROBLEMS, BUT REQUEST YOU DO UTMOST DIS-

SUADE ANY POTENTIAL AMCIT TRAVELERS FROM ATTEMPTIING  
OVERLAND ROUTE BETWEEN KHARTOUM AND ADDIS FOR PRESENT.

4. FOR NAIROBI: REQUEST YOU SIMILARLY DISCOURAGE  
TRAVEL TO NORTHERN ETHIOPIAN TOURIST AREAS FOR PRESENT.  
WE NOTE YOUR LADIES CLUB IS PLANNING CHRISTMAS TOUR TO  
THESE AREAS DEC 26-JAN 1. TRIP MAY BE PERFECTLY  
FEASIBLE WHEN TIME COMES, BUT WE DOUBT ETHIOPIANS WOULD  
PERMIT TRAVEL TO GONDAR IF TRIP WERE SCHEDULED FOR  
TODAY, AND WE WOULD IN ANY CASE URGE AGAINST IT FOR NOW.  
WE WILL TRY AND KEEP YOU INFORMED, BUT SUGGEST YOU  
CHECK WITH US IN WEEK'S TIME. REQUEST MATTER BE  
HANDLED DELICATELY. GONDAR PROBLEM MAY VANISH AS  
QUICKLY AS IT BLEW UP, AND SINCE ETHIOPIANS ARE MOST  
UNLIKELY ADMIT PUBLICLY THAT PROBLEM DOES OR DID EXIST,  
WE WOULD NOT LIKE WORD TO REACH OUTSIDE WORLD THROUGH  
US. BEST WAY PERHAPS WOULD BE TO ASK ETHIOPIAN  
TOURIST ORGANIZATION IN NAIROBI FOR READING IN FEW  
DAYS' TIME, MENTIONING THAT YOU HAVE HEARD THAT THERE  
MAY BE PROBLEMS IN GONDAR AREA,AND LET THEM HANDLE IT  
THEIR WAY.  
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